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1. On 27 April 1953, the Ludendorff Kaserne, the Hohenlohe Kaserne and the southern section of the Delius Kaserne quartered only a guard detail with red-bordered black epaulets, while the northern section of the Delius Kaserne was occupied about 80 percent by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia.¹
2. Prior to 27 April, the Kriegsschule on Kirsch Allee was occupied by a unit with red-bordered black epaulets, an officer school and an officer course of instruction. At 5 p.m. on 23 April, 50 officer candidates received instruction at 2 range finders. A JS tank stood in the barracks yard. At about 2 p.m. on 25 April, a JS tank and 3 SP guns were seen at the installation.
3. Prior to 27 April, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was guarded by sentries who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The quarters were 60 to 70 percent lighted at dusk. At 5:30 p.m. on 21 April, 25 officers and 42 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and including some with artillery insignia engaged in athletic exercises. At 4:45 p.m. on 23 April, about 80 soldiers did physical exercises. At 4:30 p.m. on 27 April, 2 platoons each of 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia marched into the barracks installation, coming from Kirsch Allee. About 30 officers engaged in athletic exercises in the barracks yard.²

- 25X1 1. Comment. The information tends to indicate that the 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig from the northern part of the Delius Kaserne remained at the post, while the 148th Gun Arty Brig (US) as well as the unidentified gun artillery brigade of the 34th Arty Div (US) were transferred to Altengrabow in mid-April. This practice corresponds to that in the preceding years, when always one brigade of the division would remain at the post until the late summer.

- 25X1 2. Comment. The information confirms another source, according to which the two installations were still occupied in late April as they were observed before. See

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